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The week after



Twas the week after Christmas, and all through the store, the shoppers were coming and looking for more. At least, that's the way it seemed at Capwell's in El Cerrito Plaza last week, as the post-Christmas sales got underway. Some of the merchandise (at right) looked a little the worse for the wear, and some of the customers, like Elton Capps (above), looked like they would just as soon be at home watching the paint dry.

Times Journal photo by Karen Preuss



Schools

Race breakdown: Not much change

By BARBARA ERICKSON

Asian and Hispanic populations in Richmond Unified schools continue to increase at a steady pace, according to enrollment figures for the fall, but patterns of segregation show little change in most areas of the district.

Over the past six years the number of whites has decreased by 6,000 (from 16,503 to 10,549) while blacks have gone down by 900 (from 11,921 to 11,040).

Asians have increased most rapidly, from 1,500 in 1977 to 2,221 this year, and Hispanics have gone from 2,557 to 2,801 in the same period.

Recent statistics from the schools show overall enrollment at the following percentages:

- American Indian and Alaska Natives, .4 percent;
- Asian and Pacific Islander, 8 percent;
- Filipino, 3 percent;

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Scared of '84? You needn't be

By EDDIE HANDELL

Nothing kills a good fantasy like a dose of reality, and that, argues local science fiction writer Ray Faraday Nelson, is where George Orwell went wrong.

"George Orwell's 'Nineteen Eighty-Four' isn't here today and never will be here," says the award-winning science fiction writer.

Nelson, an El Cerrito resident, has published 28 novels and numerous stories since he began writing in the 1940s. The 52-year-old writer has won the Phillip K. Dick award for best science fiction story in paperback and the Jack London award for literature by a California writer. He also



Ray Faraday Nelson

Today's your day to reclaim clothing

By JIM GRODNIK

EL CERRITO — The dry cleaning isn't always ready on time, but waiting a year to get it back is ridiculous.

Estelle Gipson, who lives on Potrero Avenue in Richmond, said her son, Marvin Frazier, has been waiting

that long to get two suits back from nearby Laurel Park Cleaners, 6109 Potrero Ave. in El Cerrito.

His two suits, along with the cleaned clothes of 20 other customers, have been locked in the store since the previous owner, Rashad

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History

When El Cerrito was wide open

By JIM GRODNIK

EL CERRITO — In less than a decade, El Cerrito changed from a town nicknamed "Little Reno," known for gambling and prostitution, to a nominee for Look Magazine's All American city award.

Valentino recalled when opponents of reform called him a Communist

Edward Valentino, now 73, was one of those responsible. He was elected to the City Council as a reform candidate in 1946, and served terms as mayor in 1949-1950 and again in 1954-1955. He gave El

Cerrito's presentation to the All-American City selection committee in Kansas City, Mo. in 1955.

Cities were judged on the basis of community involvement in government, and the quality of their homes, schools and parks. El Cerrito was picked as one of 22 finalists out of 225 entries in the national contest sponsored by Look and the National Municipal League.

"It was a proud moment," he said.

El Cerrito was far from an all-American city when Valentino was among those recruited by the Good Government League to help break the stranglehold that San Pablo Avenue merchants and gambling interests held on the city.

Although Valentino, a superintendent at Stauffer Chemical Company in Richmond, had no background in politics, he was asked to run for the City Council in a recall election. His

only experience had been as a neighborhood Green Cross Safety organizer.

None of the other candidates sponsored by the League that year had ever held political office before, but Valentino and the other candidates — Millard Bostock, Melvin Heinzel, Ward Crary and Albert Dietrich — were swept into office by a 3-1 margin.

The League selected people to represent various neighborhoods in the city, and Valentino still lives there, in the same house on the hill behind El Cerrito High School.

The 1946 campaign, in which two incumbent council members were defeated, and three others recalled, was a bitter one, as the old order struggled to maintain power. Two of the candidates, past American Legion post commanders, were called Communist sympathizers by their opponents.

Valentino shrugged it off. "They were complaining we were a bunch of Communists, but in any campaign there's name calling," he said.

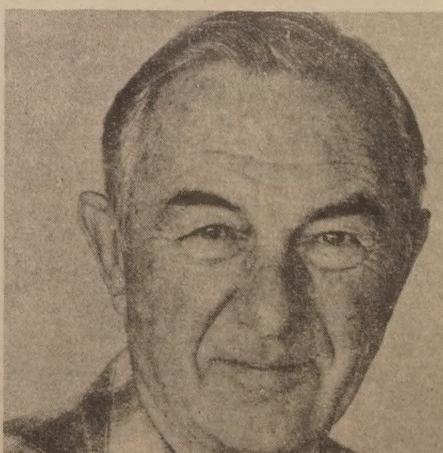
"We were called a bunch of blues, too," he said.

Surprisingly, the gambling houses retreated quietly after the Council outlawed them in 1946. Valentino said, "We were approached to let them continue." The answer was no.

"District attorney Earl Warren (later governor of California and chief justice of the Supreme Court) was instrumental in putting the squeeze on those people," Valentino said. "Little by little they disappeared."

Things ran smoothly for 10 years under Good Government League candidates. "The things we were all striving for were pretty much the same. We never had any dissent," he said.

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Edward Valentino

Orwell didn't get it right

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has been nominated for the highest awards in science fiction writing, the Hugo and the Nebula.

Nelson and his wife, Kirsten, own a science fiction and fantasy bookstore, Big Cat Books, in Albany.

"Basically, Orwell's book is a series of bad guesses and wrong predictions. Nothing turned out the way he thought it would and the number of things he didn't foresee is staggering."

Orwell's novel is the story of Big Brother, doublethink, newspeak, thoughtcrime, and the anti-sex league. These are terms familiar in some form to most people and represent the concept of the totalitarian state and the subjugation of the individual.

Nelson says his latest book, "The Prometheus Man" was written as a reaction to "1984." In his book, which takes place in the Bay Area during the 21st century, Nelson says he "attempts to show a 'possible' bad future rather than an 'impossible' one."

"Orwell's greatest mistake is that he vastly underestimated the rate of technological change. There is nothing in '1984' about computers, lasers, satellite television or robots in industry."

"Orwell simply wrote a book as if the present would never change, as if the whole world would remain the same."

What about this fear that people have of "1984"?

"Even though it is 1984 and Big Brother has not come, people think 'maybe next year.'

"The idea that someone could guess so wrong and still be so influential makes it extremely difficult for people to disbelieve that it is coming."

"It leads people to see '1984' images in current events where they don't exist. The general public is too busy waiting for things that won't happen, rather than (looking at) the real dangers."

Nelson says reformed-socialist Orwell wrote the book as a sectarian attack on communism and that was why it was so popular with the general public in the beginning of the cold war.

"It was an attempt to use the science fiction medium as a propaganda mechanism for political purposes. It was not an attempt to portray the future that you find in most science fiction."

But why the year 1984?

"Orwell wanted a date that was close enough in the future so people reading it would feel frightened. It wouldn't have been effective as propaganda if the audience hadn't felt threatened."

Nelson says paradoxically the book was more accepted by the public than a real science fiction story would be because most people did not understand "playing with the future" — changing it at whim to fit the story line.

"Star Wars had not happened yet."

Nelson points to modern television technology as an example of a mistake Orwell made. In the novel, the one government-owned television station forces people to listen to it alive today?

and accept as truth whatever is said.

Nelson, however, points out that today, with modern satellite and television technology, especially the advent of video recorders, people can tune into hundreds of television stations worldwide and do not have to listen to a specific show at certain time. In fact, unlike the novel, people do not even have to watch television.

Is there anything that could make "1984" happen in America?

"Only if one point of view managed to get the power to censor other points of view," says Nelson.

One group Nelson fears could create a society in the United States similar to Orwell's society is fundamentalist Christians.

"They are well-organized with their own television and radio stations and printing presses, operating in a universe closed to the outside world and a belief they are 'right' and have the duty to decide what other people should see, hear and read."

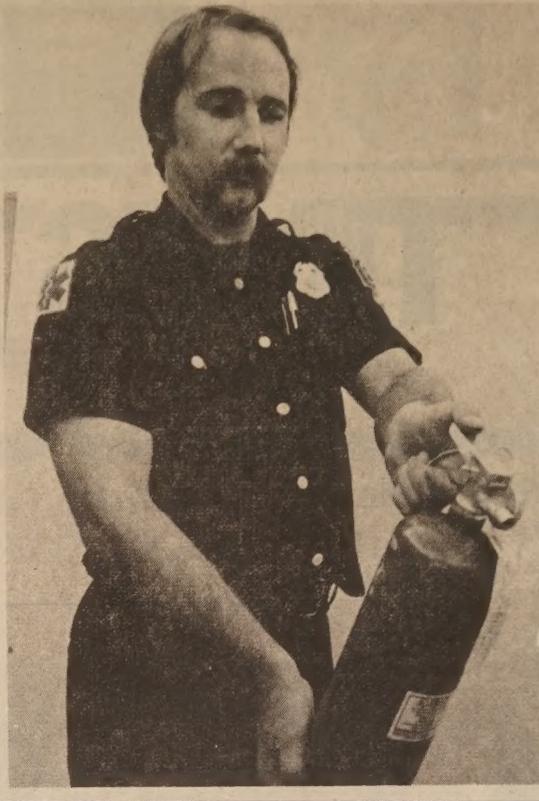
Orwell predicts that language would be simplified by government edict to make it easier to control what people said to each other and thus make them easier to control.

But Nelson points out that the English language is adding words — slang, foreign words, ethnic phrases, technical terms.

What would Orwell do if he were alive today?

"He'd probably write another book that would be a refutation of his book. He'd call it '2084' and take care not to make the same mistakes."

Where's the fire?



This time there was no fire, but an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. To that end, Albany firefighter Dennis Rivers visited the Albany Senior Center and demonstrated how to use a fire extinguisher. In addition to classes and daily meals, the center offers lectures and demonstrations of community interest.

Times Journal photo by Karen Preuss

More Hispanic students now

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- Hispanic, 10 percent;
- White, 38 percent, and
- Black, 40 percent.

The district changed racial designations in 1975, making comparisons of ethnic groups between then and now difficult, but in 1971 Richmond Unified was 28 percent black and 61 percent "other white" (excluding Spanish).

Some Richmond Unified elementary schools are well-integrated; others are almost exclusively black or heavily minority with few whites; and still others are more than 75 percent white.

In the district's secondary schools there has been little change in racial balance, but within each school either blacks or whites predominate. At De Anza High blacks are 59 percent, whites 27 percent; at Pinole Valley whites are 69 percent, blacks 13 percent. The reverse is true at Kennedy High, which is 69 percent black, 18 percent white.

El Cerrito High is 51 percent black, 30 percent white; Richmond High is

42 percent black, 26 percent white; Els is 46 percent black, 20 percent white.

Hispanics are found in the highest percentages in Els and Richmond High, 25 percent and 19 percent, respectively. Asians are 15 percent at El Cerrito and 11 percent at Richmond High.

Statistics for Hispanics also show a loss of students between elementary and secondary grades. Hispanics are 11.5 percent at the elementary level and 8.6 percent in the junior and senior high schools. Other ethnic groups increase in percentage from elementary to secondary levels.

Although some elementary schools are racially balanced — including Bayview, Broadway, El Portal, Grant, Madera, Mira Vista, Washington and Wilson — others are top heavy with one ethnic group.

Schools with the highest percentage of whites, more than 75 percent, are in the Pinole area:

Collins, 80 percent; Ellerhorst, 77 percent; Shannon, 83 percent; Tara Hills 79 percent.

PTA plans meeting

Agriculture Dept. reassigned scientists

The California-Hawaii Area Office, Fresno, of the Agricultural Research Service is being moved and several key personnel changes are being made as part of a national reorganization of ARS, according to Dr. H. C. Cox, acting deputy administrator of ARS Western Region.

The area office will be temporarily located in Oakland, and permanently located in the Western Regional Research Center in Albany, as soon as the space is ready.

Dr. William G. Chace will be the new acting area director. Chace has served as the associate regional administrator of the Western Region since 1977.

Dr. Earl E. King will be the acting associate area director, and Ernest B. Haskell will be the acting assistant area director.

The new area office will be responsible for directing all programs of ARS in California and Hawaii, including those at WRRC and the Western Human Nutrition Research Center at the Presidio of San Francisco. The research programs involve about 600 scientists and support personnel at 10 locations.

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Fuel spill on freeway

Part of Interstate Highway 80 in Albany was blocked for about two hours last Friday morning after a truck began leaking diesel fuel on the freeway.

The California Highway Patrol closed two east-bound lanes at about 8 a.m. after the truck driver called to report that his gas tank was leaking fuel.

CHP officers diverted traffic as CalTrans workers washed down the roadway with water and spread sand across lanes where the fuel had leaked, a CHP spokesman said.

Both lanes were reopened at about 10 a.m.

There were no injuries in the incident.

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Times Journal / features

Esperanto, not love, is international language

By JIM GRODNIK

EL CERRITO - Despite increasing worldwide popularity, Esperanto, the international language, has never really caught on in the United States. Its backers are counting on a Steve Allen television program to generate some interest.

William Harmon, 56-year-old Matson Navigation Company vice president, and the chief delegate of the United States at the last Universal Esperanto Association (UEA) international convention, will appear with Allen on the 30-minute program.

Harmon, who is past president and a member of the board of directors of the 1,000 member Esperanto League of North America, sat at the kitchen table of his El Cerrito home. He was wearing a white shirt and a tie with the word "Mensa" spelled out in a diagonal pattern.

He recalled his embarrassment at the last 54-nation convention in Budapest, Hungary, when struggling countries were granted a favor by the UEA.

"It was decided that there would be no increase in dues for Third World countries and for the United States," he said. "We're very far down in the international scheme of things."

'Language is similar to music. You have to have the music as well as the words,' Harmon says

It is estimated that more than 1 million people speak Esperanto. In Europe, where a variety of languages are spoken in an area smaller than the United States, there is greater interest in a universally understood language. Esperanto speakers can travel from country to country by meeting with fellow Esperantists, can be assured of common language.

When Harmon was in China in 1980, his 16-person delegation was given a surprise greeting in a park by 100 Chinese Esperantists. With no language barrier, communication was instantaneous.

"They almost had to close the park to get us out of there," he said.

Harmon's wife, Lucille, runs Esperanto Travel Service, an Oakland agency which handles tours of Esperanto from the United States to countries where they are spoken.

Enthusiasts of the international language come with interests. There are clubs composed of Catholics, vegetarians, anarchists, stamp collectors, Boy Scouts, ham radio operators, blind people, auto repairers and Budists. The common ground is language.

For anyone who has ever struggled with the exceptions, irregularities, and spelling quirks of a foreign lan-

guage, Esperanto is a dream come true. The language was invented in 1887 by Ludovic Zamenhof, a Polish oculist and linguist. The vocabulary is based on Romance languages, but draws also from Germanic and Slavic languages.

Nouns, adverbs and adjectives all have consistent endings. Every word is pronounced the way it is spelled, and there are no surprises in the spelling.

After honing his skills on the Esperanto he learned at age 12, Harmon taught himself Russian, German, Spanish and "a smattering of Japanese" during the three years he and his wife lived in Japan.

He said Esperanto is a pleasure to speak.

"Language is similar to music. You have to have the music as well as the words," he said. Esperanto, he said, falls naturally on the ear. "You automatically know what goes where."

Harmon said Esperanto can eliminate language barriers between people when one is speaking his or her native language and the other is not. It also eliminates the expense and misunderstanding that can result from interpreters.

When Harmon gave English lessons to a Japanese friend, it strained the friendship. Before the lessons, the two had spoken only in Esperanto. When the lessons began they no longer were on equal footing. "I'm not sure I like you," the friend told Harmon in Esperanto.

The half-hour television production was filmed on Oct. 19, and will be available next year to cable, commercial and educational television. Allen worked for union scale, \$290, and contributed the free use of his Van Nys studio.

The documentary was produced and edited by Judy Montell of Kensington. Helen Hughes of Albany helped write the script. Both have worked for El Cerrito's Television Cable channel 2-B.

The goal of Esperantists is to gain acceptance of the language through education. Harmon said study is now encouraged by the government of China as a means of improving communication in a country that has several hundred dialects.

The University of Budapest has an Esperanto department, and there are teaching programs at universities in Spain, England, the Netherlands and France. In the United States, college credit is offered at the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee, the University of Iowa, Wesleyan University, the University of Illinois and 15 others. San Francisco State University offers a summer course.

Harmon would like to see Esperanto taught as a regular subject in United States schools, but he is not optimistic because, unlike other countries, there is no central education authority here. School districts must be won over one at a time.

"I doubt I'll see much improvement in my lifetime," Harmon said. "But Esperanto is spreading, and to some extent our tape will help."

For information and literature on Esperanto, write the Esperanto League for North America, Box 1129, El Cerrito, 94530; or phone 653-0998.

Elders to get newsletter

By CHARLES PELTON

LCERRITO — After an 18-month lapse due to financial difficulties, El Cerrito's older adults will once again have a monthly senior newsletter mailed to their homes.

Diane Watkins, co-chair of the city's Committee on Aging, will serve as the newsletter's editor. He told members of the committee last week that the first issue may be as soon as February.

The newsletter will "let older people in El Cerrito know when services become available," according to Katie Lewis, supervisor of senior services. Watkins said its purpose will be to communicate, offering local, state and national news as well as a calendar of events.

The Committee on Aging originally began a senior citizen in 1974, with Larry Rosenfeld serving as editor. Last issue was mailed in July, 1982 after an \$1,800 line in the city's budget to produce and mail the newsletter was eliminated in a city budget cut.

After the city received a \$2,000 grant from the Gang Foundation this fall, the newsletter was revived.

It will be mailed under the auspices of the El Cerrito Municipal Services Corporation (MSC), a city agency that last January 1 mailed recreation brochures and city material at non-profit rates.

According to city manager Ron Creagh, producing a newsletter under the MSC umbrella could mean that newsletter will cost as little as 3 cents to mail, instead of the usual bulk rate of 7.4 cents.

But because of MSC's non-profit status, publications under its auspices cannot be overtly political in nature.

There are very clear limitations and prescriptions," said Lewis.

According to Lewis, a Jan. 16 MSC meeting will de-

termine the legal constraints under which the newsletter will operate. The officers of the MSC include all El Cerrito city council members, the city manager and the assistant city manager.

"No substantial part of the publication can propose or influence legislation," Creagh said.

"We have to be very careful," Watkins explained. "We'll try to work around (any) restrictions. Things can be done."

The newsletter's initial printing will be mailed to 1,300 people on a mailing list retained from the last issue, Lewis said.

In other business, the committee:

• heard Ruby Shields, the owner and administrator of Carlson Convalescent Hospital in El Cerrito, give a presentation about California convalescent hospitals.

Shields, who worked for former Gov. Edmund G. Brown, Jr., writing regulations in the nursing home field, decried the low rate of state support offered to convalescent hospitals from the state and federal governments.

She compared a \$38 per day rate for some Medi-Cal patients with what she said is an average of \$50 per day spent on zoo animals and \$70 per day for prisoners.

"It's unrealistic what they expect out of us and what they pay," she said.

Shields also said there are 22 nursing homes in Contra Costa County which will not accept Medi-Cal patients.

• elected, for the second straight year, Dan Freudenthal and Bruce Watkins co-chairs of the Committee on Aging.

Hilda Creque will again serve as vice chair and Iris Suhl took on the duties of both recording and corresponding secretary. Eloise Kucera remains member-at-large.

Lawsuit filed over E.C. crosswalk death

The daughters of an elderly man killed while crossing Cerrito street are suing the driver of the car that hit him, the city of El Cerrito and Pacific Gas and Electric.

An H. Barbour was struck by a car last Feb. 8 while in San Pablo Avenue at Sutter Avenue. He was in a walk, according to the suit filed last Thursday in Superior Court.

El Cerrito and PG&E are responsible for the lights, the suit contends.

The suit was filed by Judith Miller and Jane C. Bright, daughters of Barbour. Named defendant because she was driving the car was Beverly J. Portillo.

The suit claims the street lights on both sides of the crosswalk were not lit or were inoperable. The accident occurred in the evening when visibility was poor.

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William Harmon, the U.S. chief delegate at the last Universal Esperanto Association convention, demonstrates the language

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Schools

Taking a close-up view of government

By CHARLES PELTON

ALBNY — Three weeks after U.S. troops landed on Grenada, 11 Albany High School students were in Washington, D.C., debating a similar, fictitious invasion of an island called "Riana."

The students, along with Russian studies teacher Genie Miller, were in the capital under the auspices of Close Up, a week-long program for high school pupils and teachers from across the country.

The Riana debate was part of a program which included meetings with House and Senate members, officials in the Reagan administration and the press corps. Participants also had time to sightsee.

Close Up started in 1971 to promote the philosophy that "an active and informed citizenry is essential to the survival of the country," said Steve Selby, Northern California coordinator, from the Close Up Foundation's headquarters in Arlington, Va.

"It gives them tools to get in there and do things," he said.

"We really did get close up," said 17-year-old Patsy Nagle. "I feel more opinionated. (Government) came to life."

At least one student, Olivia Kato, 16, was inspired to pursue a career in government or politics. Kato, now a junior, would like to become a congressional page during the first semester of her senior year.

Working from within government "you have power," she said. "You can try to change things."

"I'd never been to D.C.," said Miller, a six-time visi-



—Times Journal photos by Michael Russell

Members of Albany High School's Close-up group with teacher Genie Miller

tor to the Soviet Union, who also teaches humanities and world, medieval and California history. "It was about time to make the comparison."

Faculty members are separated from the students after they arrive, even though they hear many of the same speakers and attend similar seminars. "Rather than be chaperones, the teachers are here as participants," Selby said.

"They don't want teachers interfering," said Miller, who will pass the Close Up advisor responsibility on to another faculty member next year. "They want the kids to dominate."

During the six day trip, the Albany contingent was housed, four to a room, with students from Arizona, Massachusetts, Nevada and Tennessee. With a 10 year track record of participation, Albany is one of 95 public,

private and parochial schools throughout northern California involved this year.

Since the program's inception, Selby said 120,000 pupils from 48 states have attended the Close Up program. He estimates 1,300 students from Carmel to Sebastopol will attend this year, making northern California the largest contingent this year.

According to Miller, the students who attend the program are those who simply want to go. Scholarship plays no part.

The \$775 cost for each pupil was partially defrayed by a scholarship from the Albany Board of Education and a \$545 grant from the Close Up Foundation. Miller distributed the \$775 board grant equally amongst the 11 participants.

Seventeen-year-old Armstrong raised nearly \$300 by soliciting tax-deductible donations from the Albany business community. Other students sold \$1 raffle tickets, raising up to \$200 each.

After a day of bus tours and government and press speakers, the pupils travelled to Jamestown, the site of the first permanent English settlement in the New World. On the third day, the group toured Williamsburg, Virginia's second capitol and the site of a large restoration project which began in 1934.

"It was interesting to find out what our history books were talking about," said junior Samantha Adler, 16.

It was in a Williamsburg hotel that 200 high school students debated the flip side of the Grenada invasion, a mock Soviet attack on the American-occupied island of Riana. Students were divided into groups representing Riana, the U.S., the Soviet Union, NATO, the United Nations, the World Court and the press.

After returning to Washington, the students met several legislators, including Berkeley-area Democrat Ronald V. Dellums and Arizona Republican John M. McCain. Dellums met with a group of 20 for over two hours.

But, like any group of conventioneers, the Albany 11 did not restrict their activities to attending meetings and speeches. There was a night at the theater to see "Kismet" and a farewell banquet and dance.

The other students who went on the trip were: Tina Chew, Claire Chou, Doriah Dhpreauze, Liz Evans, Maren Kovacich, Amy Liao and Elaine Mullarky.

Circus performing classes set for kids

THOUSAND OAKS — Beginning Thursday, Jan. 6, Letitia Bartlett, Sarah Norris and Dawn Martin will teach introductory circus skills as part of Roberts and Blank's 1984 guest artist series.

Classes for children 8 through 10 and 11 through teen will include basic clowning, tumbling, masks, physical comedy, mime and theater games.

Bartlett, a performing member of Make-A-Circus and instructor at Chabot College and the Leonard Pitt School, has toured the U.S. and Europe as half the Kite Tails Mime Duo. She has taught mime, movement and related circus skills and performed with the Tandy Beal Dance Company.

Norris currently teaches mime, movement and personal clowning at the Leonard Pitt School and ACT's Young Conservatory. Her professional career has ranged from Shakespeare to opera, street clowning, abstract movement pieces and an off Broadway musical revenue.

Martin, former assistant women's gymnastic coach at UC-Berkeley, has taught dance, tumbling, acrobatics and theater. She has studied at the Leonard Pitt School and the Jean Shelton School of Acting.

Choreographer Linda Fowler, whose work appears in the repertoires of Dance/LA and the San Francisco Moving Company, will continue teaching Thursday evening jazz classes for teens and adults.

For information, or to register, call Jody Roberts or Carla Blank at 525-2113.

Genie Miller

Arts

Portrait of the artist as a European traveler

By JIM GRODNIK

EL CERRITO — Follow artist Betty Saarni down the stairs to the workshop of her Grizzly Peak Boulevard home.

There, in a large cluttered room that they share with the canned goods and cleaning agents, are her watercolors. Look at the one on the easel.

You're no longer in California on a damp, winter day; you're in a Portuguese outdoor market. You can feel the warmth and pulse of the village. The village thrives with life as the women do their morning shopping. The scene glows with oranges and reds reflected from the sky.

This painting, Albufeira Market, is a prize winner, one of many by Saarni, 58, who begins teaching an artist's workshop today at the El Cerrito Community Center. Her medium is watercolor and she is fascinated by the play of light on outdoor scenes.

Unlike oil paintings, watercolors flow together and make new colors before they dry. Saarni said she can be surprised by her own work; a painting can take an unexpected direction.

"What started as a Mexican village can become a seascape," she said. "If the painting decides to do something different, I'd better be broadminded enough to take advantage of it."

As a child, Saarni had more time to paint than she wanted. She was stricken with polio at age 2, and didn't walk for three years. Until her teen years, her activities were limited, but there was always art.

"I can't remember a time I didn't draw and paint," she said.

After graduating from UC-Berkeley with a degree in fine art, Saarni entered the world of commercial art where she worked for 12 years — "pure dog work," she called it — before leaving to devote her attention full-time to painting and teaching.

She had painted advertising labels and hated it. "I'd have to starve to death before I'd go back to the commercial field," she said.

Part of the problem was size. Saarni loves space in her own surroundings and in her paintings, but in this job she had to paint tiny labels with a brush two or three hairs wide, using a magnifying glass.

"It's funny for such a small person to need so much space around me," the five-foot-tall Saarni said as she gestured to the high, redwood-beamed ceiling of the house she shares with her husband, Frank.

Many of her watercolors are scenes of the Southwest United States, an area she resisted visiting until Frank insisted.

She had always preferred the trees and mountains of California and her native Oregon, but once she saw the Southwest it was a different story.

"I fell madly in love with it," she said. "It's almost as if you can suddenly stretch and breathe." Saarni's watercolors of outdoor scenes and Hopi Indian Kachina dolls are displayed in galleries in Scottsdale, Arizona; Santa Fe, New Mexico, and Dallas.

Her paintings can be seen locally at the Oakland art association gallery in the Claremont Hotel, the Contemporary Arts Gallery in Berkeley, and at the Marin County Society of Artists Gallery in Ross.

In addition to her classes at the Community Center, where Saarni teaches an artist's workshop and a watercolor class, she gives outdoor classes where students can watch her work, and she has taken students on three and four-day field trips to Sonoma, St. Helena and Sacramento.

Her next project will be taking a group of nine or 10 artists on an 18-day painting workshop in Portugal. The students can watch Saarni paint, and then do work of their own. In the evenings she will critique the students' work.

"If they want to get a lot out of it, they'll work their tails off," she said. "But it's supposed to be fun too."

Saarni has done the advance work for the workshop with trips of her own to Greece and Portugal, so she knows where to find the kind of countryside and light she needs.

At home in her studio, Saarni works from photographs taken in her travels. The best paintings are the ones that come most quickly — three or four hours for the initial stage. Then she brings them up to her living room for a different perspective.

"I like to look at them and feel them out," she said. When she feels the time is right, it's back down to the workshop for the finishing touches.

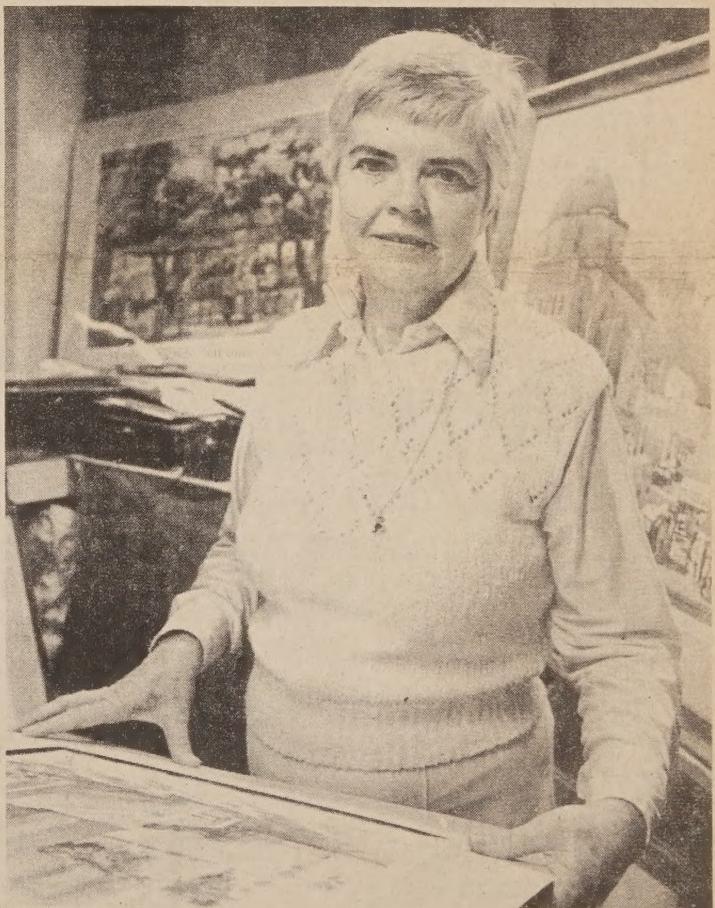
Saarni's work has won awards at the California State Fair, the East Bay Watercolor Society and the Society of Western Artists among others. She also designed the medal for the 100th anniversary of the San Francisco cable cars.

Betty Saarni's artist's workshop is taught on Wednesdays from 1 to 3 p.m. at the El Cerrito Community Center. The first of the six sessions begins today. She teaches watercolors on Tuesdays from 7 to 9:30 p.m. The first class began last evening. For information, call 525-6748.

Painter Betty Saarni brings the smell and color of Portugal into her paintings, and will lead a workshop in Europe where students will have a chance to do the same thing. Her workshops and watercolor classes are offered through the El Cerrito Community Center



Times Journal photos
by Karen Preuss



Domestic violence: it's bad during the holidays

By NOELLE CASKEY

One out of two women is affected by physical violence at some during her lifetime. One woman out of five is involved in a long-term relationship involving violence. These statistics, cited by Susan Murray of A Safe Place — an Oakland shelter for battered women — indicate just how widespread the problem of domestic violence is in this country.

Ram Lee, domestic violence programmer at Berkeley's listener-sponsored KPFA radio station, says that the holidays are peak time for physical abuse of women by their partners.

That's why Lee, a former battered wife herself, has been making such an effort to increase support for women's shelters and other programs that aid victims of domestic violence over the past few weeks. Lee, who has been taping programs for KPFA on such subjects as incest and abuse of the elderly since 1981, made a brief, eloquent 11-minute tape called "Emily," which intersperses verses of Peggy Seeger's song of the same name with excerpts from some of Lee's interviews with battered women talking about their experiences.

Originally Lee made the tape to promote a half-hour show on women's shelters that was scheduled to air last week. But when she began playing the tape over the air and for other KPFA staff members, the response was so tremendous that the tape was played at least once a day on the station. More than 200 listeners phoned in from places as far away as Sacramento and the Napa Valley to offer donations of food, clothing, toys and money in aid of such shelters as A Safe Place.

The program will be repeated at noon Thursday, Jan. 19, on KPFA on 94.1 FM.

Lee could not say enough in praise of her colleagues at KPFA, many of whom donated air time from their own shows to help Lee and her cause.

"This is the only station that will let me do this," she says, adding, "You hear so much these days about people doing terrible things, and it's so important to let people know that there are people doing good things."

Lee is still very much moved by the \$1,000 check a listener sent in to help her buy badly needed tape equipment to continue her work.

Raising public awareness of domestic violence is essential to stem the epidemic, but it is a difficult problem to identify because in many instances the victims are rendered so confused and helpless by terror that they are unable to see that they can in fact escape the situation. Many are reluctant to admit to what is actually happening to them; bystanders often don't realize the extent of the problem and most are unwilling to intervene.

While Lee emphasizes the pitfalls of the holiday season for victims of domestic violence, Murray points out that such problems continue on a year-round basis and may be just as bad in July as they are in the winter months.

Murray says, however, that she has noticed the number of calls received by A Safe Place has risen sharply, climbing in November to a peak of 650 calls from a previous base of 350 to 400 calls a month.

Lee and Murray agree, however, that the best way to deal with domestic violence is to prevent it. Accordingly, they suggest that women who suspect they may be in for a physical battering and men whose past history suggests they may give way to violent impulses seek help before such incidents occur. (A list of Bay Area shelters for battered women and hot lines for males who need counseling follows the article.)

Shelters like A Safe Place offer many badly needed support systems to victims of domestic violence. On Tuesday evenings, A Safe Place sponsors free legal clinics to help women obtain temporary restraining orders and they also have a referral system for emergencies of this nature. They conduct community-based support groups on a weekly basis for women who are still in abusive situations as well as those who have left. Women can stay in the shelter for six to eight weeks while they cope with their legal and economic problems. The shelter makes efforts to

find jobs for these women (they are very reliable employees, Murray points out), but finding housing for them can be a problem.

But the most important thing shelters offer battered women is the understanding of others who have survived similar situations.

"I listen to the victim and give support for change," says Murray. "Their feelings of powerlessness are generally paralyzing. I give them encouragement to recognize that they do have rights. When a woman has been abused for a long period of time, the first thing that goes is her self-esteem. So I try to contradict the bad feelings and help them take steps toward feelings of empowerment."

The victims of domestic violence require many forms of assistance. Support for shelters comes from both corporate and public sources, according to Murray, who adds that private donors are also a key factor in their support. But organizations like A Safe Place (and KPFA radio, with its socially conscious programming) are in perpetual need of funds. Anyone wishing to help out can do so by calling the station at 848-6767 or by contacting A Safe Place at 526-7233.

The following are a list of women's shelters and their phone numbers:

- Berkeley: Berkeley Women's Refuge, 547-4663.
 - Oakland: A Safe Place, 536-7233.
 - San Francisco: Family Violence Center, 552-6654.
 - Hayward: Hayward Emergency Shelter, 786-1246.
- The following are a list of men's hot lines:
- Homeward Bound, 430-8096.
 - MOVE (San Francisco), 626-MOVE.

Get into the swim at the Albany Pool

ALBANY — Albany Pool will re-open on Tuesday, Jan. 17, for the winter session with a full schedule of instructional and recreational swimming programs.

Registration is now being accepted at 1311 Portland Ave., from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please call 526-7386 for information.

Classes for children age 4 and over are offered one day per week for one-half hour. Classes at all levels are scheduled Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 3:30-4 p.m. and 4:40-5 p.m.

Classes for parents and tots (children 4 months to 4 years old accompanied in the pool by a parent) are offered Monday and Wednesday, 3:30-3:30 p.m. or Tuesday and Thursday, 10:30-11 a.m. for five weeks. The focus of this class is on basic water safety skills and water adjustment for infants and small children.

For adults, classes are offered in water calisthenics and in swimming. Each session consists of classes held twice a week. Water calisthenics classes are held in standing depth water and require no swimming ability.

Water calisthenics classes are offered Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30-9:30 a.m. An evening class is offered Monday and Wednesday, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Classes for beginners will be held Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30-10:30 a.m. or Monday and Wednesday, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Recreational swimming is scheduled Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 7:30-9:20 p.m. and Saturday, 3:45-5 p.m. Lap swim is offered Monday through Friday, 6:30-8 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday 2-3 p.m.; Monday through Thursday 5:30-6:30 p.m.; Friday, 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Monday and Wednesday, 8:30-9:30 p.m. and Saturday, 1-3 p.m.

Counselors, sign up now

EL CERRITO — The City of El Cerrito Recreation Division is now accepting applications for volunteers and day camp counselors for the summer sessions.

El Cerrito offers day camps for ages 4-13 at four sites. Some of the activities

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Get your dancing shoes on, for Saturday night

EL CERRITO — The Saturday night bath may be passe, but another American tradition — the Saturday night dance — is coming back with a vengeance.

After decades in virtual limbo, the latter is being re-lived here on a monthly basis, with the El Cerrito Community Center providing the dance floor.

The promoters, Belinda Ricklefs and Phil Berman, are so encouraged by the success of their first two Saturday night sessions at the 7007 Moeser Lane facility that they are planning to launch a similar venture at Berkeley's Shattuck Hotel, where Friday tea dances have been thriving for months.

Ricklefs, a magna cum laude-Phi Beta Kappa graduate in history from Stanford University who spent nine years studying, instructing and performing a wide variety of dances in Paris, France, has spent the past seven years teaching social dance in the East Bay.

She has taught ballroom, Latin, swing-jitterbug, disco and country-western dancing in El Cerrito, Pinole, Hercules, San Pablo, San Leandro and Berkeley.

It was the Friday tea dances she started last summer at the Community Center that laid the groundwork for her present undertaking with Berman, a swing-era zealot who taught social dancing for two years at the First Unitarian Church in Kensington.

Swing music was already beginning to fade in popularity when the now 53-year-old Berman became infatuated with dancing to it in the late 1940s. In recent years, however, he has been able to ply his old hobby with regularity, thanks to the resurgent popularity of Friday tea dances around the Bay Area.

His most recent haunt has been the Shattuck, which weekly draws hundreds of people for its 6-to-10 p.m. Friday dancing to the music of bands ranging from six to 17 pieces.

He and Ricklefs tried their first Saturday night event in El Cerrito Oct. 15 and drew 209 participants. The second was held Nov. 26 and attracted 178 people, a pleasant surprise for a Thanksgiving weekend.

Also surprising was the fact that many young people turned out, indicating that the appeal of "touch dancing" is not restricted to the older set.

Starting with the new year, the El Cerrito dances will be held on the first Saturday of each month, with the first set for Jan. 7.

The Berkeley sessions will be on the third Saturday,



Bryan Gould's quartet is at the El Cerrito Community Center on Jan. 7

beginning Jan. 21.

A key factor in the success of the promotions is the hour-and-a-half instruction period Berman and Ricklefs provide before each dance.

From 7:30 to 9 p.m., lessons in everything from slow (foxtrot) to fast (jitterbug) dancing to "canned" music are given at no additional cost. These are followed by dancing to live music from 9 to midnight.

"We're getting people back to the swing of swing,"

said Berman. "When rock came in, people lost contact with their partners. We're helping them get back that feeling of dancing together — how to lead and how to relate."

"One of our concepts is to encourage people to change partners during the dance lessons," he added. "That way, they get to know everyone and develop a family feeling."

Indoor waterslide: coming?

By CATHERINE SCHUTZ

An Oregon company wants to build California's first indoor waterslide in the empty ice arena at Hilltop Mall.

Called the Hydrotube, the tubular slide can be used year-round because it is indoors, said David Snow of Nor Pac Recreation Inc. in Portland.

"We have several here in Oregon, where it's 10 degrees right now," Snow said last week. "A shopping center is a great place to have that activity. Mothers can drop kids off while they shop."

Nor Pac has submitted an application for an "amusement enterprise" permit to be considered by the Richmond Planning Commission Jan. 5. The planning staff recommends approval.

According to the staff report, the Hydrotube would be built on about one-fourth of the former skating rink area. From a 40-foot tower, two 4-foot diameter fiberglass tubes weave their way down to a pool, giving participants about 330 feet of ride on a cushion of warm water.

A large viewing area is included so non-sliders can watch the action.

Snow said the trip down takes about 20 seconds and riders reach speeds of about 15 mph.

"On a really cold day we would heat the water to 90 or 95 degrees," Snow said. "In the summer we keep it in the low 80s."

While waterslides are common recreational activities in California, Snow said this would be the first indoor, enclosed tube ride. Richmond could lose that distinction, though, if Hayward officials beat it to the punch by approving a Hydrotube application Nor Pac has submitted for Southland Mall there.

Both Southland and Hilltop malls are owned by the Taubman Co. Nor Pac has waterslides either completed or underway in six Taubman malls across the country.

In September, over protests from skaters and their families, Taubman officials closed the ice rink because it was not drawing sufficient crowds to warrant continued

operation. In a letter to Mayor Tom Corcoran, Larry C. Ruppert, director of center operations for the mall, said the rink lost nearly \$1 million since it opened seven years ago.

Snow said his waterslide was an attractive operation for a shopping mall because it takes up less room than the skating rink — about 7,000 square feet compared to 25,000 or 30,000 square feet needed for an ice rink — and "there's no equipment to rent, no skill involved."

"Anybody can ride," Snow said. "Every shopping center customer is a potential patron for us."

Tickets will be \$4 for a 10-slide pass on weekdays and \$5 for 10 rides on weekends, he said.

Snow said the waterslide, if approved as envisioned by the company, would be about a \$700,000 project with 30 to 35 employees, most of them part-time. Many of the employees would be high school or college students, he said.

New after school classes are open

KENSINGTON — The new session of the Kensington After School Enrichment Program begins Monday, Jan. 9 for 11 weeks with a variety of classes for elementary age children. Classes meet between 2 and 5 p.m. daily.

Openings still exist in the following classes:

Computer class for parent and child; 4 p.m., Monday or Wednesday with Jeff Nakae; and art classes on Tuesday at 2 and 3 p.m. with instructor Kim Thoman.

Also, beginning guitar at 3 p.m. on Wednesday with Steve Thomas; Project Joy (uniting seniors with children) on Thursday with Hilary Hauptman; and drama class on Monday at 3 p.m.

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Afterwards, there will be a visit to Princeton for lunch at the Shorebird Inn.

Bus leaves Kensington Library at 8:30 a.m., and returns at 4:30 p.m.

Cost, including lunch, is \$24 and payment marked "Orchids 1/18" and with your telephone number is due by Thursday, Jan. 12.

Send payment c/o 26 Highgate Road, Kensington, 94707. Passengers board bus in order of receipt of payment.

The music for the El Cerrito dances is being furnished by some of the Bay Area's best small combos. Al Cava's The Elegant Touch proved very popular at the first two sessions and will be returning on March 3.

Trombonist-vocalist Bryan Gould's quartet, currently playing from 5 to 9 p.m. Monday through Wednesday of each week in the Starlight Room of San Francisco's Sub Francis Drake Hotel, will perform Jan. 7, and Jimmy Diamond's Nob Hill Gang, featured for eight years in the New Orleans Room of the Fairmount Hotel in San Francisco, is lined up for Feb. 4.

Gould's group has gained Bay Area prominence through noon radio broadcasts of its Sunday brunch sessions at San Rafael's Andalou restaurant by big-band station KTIM (AM 1510).

Gould's meaty, full-toned trombone playing enables Swing Fever to project a much bigger sound than one might expect from so small a group. An engaging singer in a wide variety of styles, from rhythm-and-blues to ballads, Gould is an ardent and effective champion of big band music.

Diamond's long years at the Fairmount have enabled him to get just about all the work he can handle in the Bay Area, according to Berman.

"He just got through leading a 17-piece band at a Nieman-Marcus charity ball in San Francisco," said the promoter.

"My hope," he added, "is that we will be able to build up our El Cerrito following to the point where we can go to big bands."

That could mean local performing opportunities for El Cerrito's own Junius Courtney and Gene Gilbeaux whose 17-piece groups have proved tremendous magnets at the Shattuck tea dances.

The recent success of the Chamber of Commerce's Harvest Moon Ball at the Community Center gives Berman and Ricklefs added reason for optimism. At \$10 a person, 250 turned out for the Saturday night, Oct. 28, event, which featured dancing to Oscar Franson's 12-piece group.

Tickets for the Jan. 7 dance are priced at \$5 if purchased by the Thursday before the event and \$6 at the door. The dance lessons and complimentary wine are included in the admission price.

Tickets are available in advance at the Community Center or by phoning either Berman (451-6461) or Ricklefs (893-1519).

Scheer honored by hospital foundation

Berkeley resident Ruth Scheer has been honored as the 1983 recipient of Herrick Health Care Foundation's Governors' Award for more than 30 years of volunteer leadership at Herrick Hospital.

Scheer has served as a volunteer in virtually all hospital areas, including the Board of Trustees, Foundation Board, Emergency Room and numerous volunteer committees.

Barbara Boscoff of Albany, the 1982 recipient of the Governors' Award, described Scheer as possessing "a quality of concerned leadership that is unparalleled."

Beyond volunteer service at Herrick, Scheer serves on the health and welfare committee of the Common Wealth Club, is involved in the philanthropic activities of Delta Zeta Society and until recently was actively involved in League of Women Voters activities.

Senior centers

ALBANY

The center is at 846 Masonic Ave., 644-8500. Hours: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday, noon-4 p.m.

Special Events

Senior prom has been discontinued. If interested in a Sunday afternoon tea dance, call the center.

Slide show, murals of San Francisco Bay area, by Gene Gordon, with music. Wednesday, Jan. 4 at 12:30 p.m.

General center meeting, Thursday, Jan. 5, 12:30 p.m.

Slide show, seven Shakespeare festivals, by Gene Gordon, with music. Wednesday, Jan. 11 at 12:30 p.m.

Optometry informational talk, help for eyes, Monday, Jan. 16, 12-1 p.m.

Comedy mystery play, "Trifle," by Ed Garfield and Berkeley Matinee Theater. Refreshments. Donation accepted. Wednesday, Jan. 18, 12:30 p.m.

Grace Fisk, public health nurse, will talk on herpes, Thursday, Jan. 26, at 12:30 p.m.

Classes

Monday: creative writing, 9 a.m.-noon; current events, 1-3 p.m.; crafts, noon-3 p.m.; tutorial writing,

noon-2:30 p.m.

Tuesday: painting, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; beginning photography, 9 a.m.-noon; folk dancing, 1-3 p.m.; English as a second language, 1-3 p.m.

Wednesday: color slide photography, 9 a.m.-noon; current world problems, 10 a.m.-noon; tutorial writing, 12:30-2:30 p.m.; Shakespeare, 1-4 p.m.; Friday: creative writing and poetry, 1-3 p.m.

Saturday: writing, 1-4 p.m., every fourth Saturday.

Continuing Events

Blood pressure clinic, 4th Monday every month, 1-3:30 p.m.

Barber service, Thursday 9 a.m.-noon. Donation requested.

Bingo, Thursday and Saturday, 10:30 a.m. Singalong Thursday, 11:30 a.m.; bridge, Friday, noon-3 p.m.

Cards and conversation, Thursday, noon-5 p.m.; Saturday, noon-4 p.m.; Sunday, noon-4 p.m.

Cheer group, Friday at 10 a.m.

Community service, Friday, 10 a.m.-noon.

General center meeting, first Thursday every month, 12:30 p.m.

Social Security field representative at the center the first and third Friday of the month at 3 p.m. to answer questions.

Transportation

Call at least one day in advance for reservations for senior van shopping trips. Thursday mornings: El Cerrito Plaza. Friday mornings: Solano Avenue. Requested donation, 50 cents per round trip. Albany residents only.

Taxi script available to Albany residents over age 65. Price from \$4-10, depending on income. Apply Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Persons in wheelchairs may purchase special transportation vouchers.

Trips are sponsored by Albany Park and Recreation Dept. Make reservations with Myriam Heath, Tuesday 1 p.m. and Thursday at 10 a.m.

Jan. 12-13, Reno overnight, double or twin occupancy, \$45.

Feb. 15-25, Royal Cruise, Panama Canal celebration from \$1998 per person.

Meals on Wheels

Home-delivered meals are available for Albany residents. The food is prepared at Alta Bates Albany Hospital and is delivered at midday by a volunteer driver. Regular low-salt and diabetic meals are available. \$15 per week (weekdays only).

To order, please call the center at 644-8500 one week in advance. Coordinator Margo Tyndall will make all arrangements.

Menus

The nutrition site meal is served at 4 p.m. Advance reservations are required. The suggested minimum donation for seniors is \$1 plus 50 cents; \$3.50 for persons under age 60. Monthly menus are available.

Jan. 4, chicken; Jan. 5, fish; Jan. 6, roast beef; Jan. 7, lasagna; Jan. 10, fish.

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Clubs

ALBANY

Pocahontas: Ramona Council 206, Degree of Pocahontas meet the second and fourth Monday of each month at the Albany United Methodist Church, 980 Stannage Ave., at 8 p.m.

Workshop meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 2927 Carlson Blvd., El Cerrito, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., making craft art.

Albany Lions Club: Meets every Thursday at El Cerrito Station at 6:45 p.m. For information, call 527-8298.

Albany Rotary: Albany Rotary Club meets Tuesday at 12:15 p.m. at Spenger's Fish Grotto in Berkeley.

Frosting Freaks: Frosting Freaks, a cake-decorating club meets in Albany the fourth Thursday of each month. For further information, call 234-9184.

Scandinavian Club: Framat Lodge, Vasa Order of America meets once a month at the Albany Temple, 533 San Pablo Ave. Activities include dinners, cultural events, music. For more information, call 527-3134.

Bridge club: The club meets at noon on Mondays and Thursdays at the University Village Community Center, 223 8th St. For more information, call 232-6689.

American Legion: Albany Post 292 meets the first day of the month for dinner and the third Friday for a business meeting at the Veterans Memorial Building, 1325 Portland Ave.

American Legion Auxiliary: Albany Unit 292 meets at the Veterans Memorial Building the second Monday of each month at 8 p.m.

Golden Gate Lionesses: Albany Lionesses Club meets the first and third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at Kirby's in El Cerrito Plaza.

Soroptimists: Soroptimist International of Albany meets Wednesdays at 12:15 p.m. at Kirby's in El Cerrito Plaza.

Toastmistresses: The USDA Toastmistress Club meets the first and third Wednesday of each month from 1 p.m. at the Western Regional Research Laboratory, 800 Buchanan St., Albany. For information call 463-3736.

Toastmasters: This organization of men and women who wish to improve their speaking, listening and leadership skills has five clubs in the Albany area. For information call Michael Jay at 848-5451.

Scrabble: Albany Scrabble Players Club No. 41 meets second and fourth Sunday at 12:45 p.m. at 605 Carmel Ave. Call 526-8675 for reservations.

Chorus: The Berkeley Women's Chorus meets Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. at the First Baptist Church, Solana and Pomona. No auditions are held; the only requisite is the love of singing.

Booster Bingo: Albany Booster bingo meets every Saturday at Albany Middle School, 1000 Jackson St. Open at 5:30 p.m. Games start at 7.

Live Wires: Live Wires annual mystery tour will be \$15 and cost \$11. A new trip has been planned for Feb. 11, luncheon at Paul's Boarding House in Ione, then to Sonoma. Cost is \$23.50, including luncheon. For information call 525-8757.

EL CERRITO

TOPS: The El Cerrito TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Club, 1941 meets every Wednesday morning at 10 a.m. at 6830 Stockton Ave. For more information call 463-2272.

Dancers: Learn to square dance with the Buzzin' Square Dance Club of El Cerrito. Every Monday, 8 p.m. at the Veteran's Memorial Hall, 6401 Stockton

Ave. For information call 222-0505 or 526-8647.

Bridge: Free continuing bridge lessons on Thursdays at Fairmount Recreation Center a 7 p.m. Duplicate game follows. Duplicate games also on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Kiwansis: The Albany-El Cerrito Kiwanis meets Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. at Carrow's Restaurant, 6120 Portero Ave., El Cerrito.

El Cerrito Rotary: El Cerrito Rotary meets Thursday at 12:15 p.m. at Cerrito City Club, 1600 Kearney.

El Cerrito Lions: The El Cerrito Lions Club meets Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at the Cerrito City Club, 1600 Kearney. The club collects old or unused eye glasses, which it sends abroad. Drop off: Sunshine Cleaners, 10750 San Pablo Ave.

Salt Water Revival: The El Cerrito Salt Water Revival Skin and Scuba Diving Club meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 8 p.m. at Harding Park clubhouse, 7115 C St. For information call 525-6229.

Coin Club: The North Bay Coin club meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Tassajara Club house, Tassajara and Barrett, El Cerrito. No meeting in December.

Native Daughters: An audit committee meeting, Jan. 4, at 7 p.m. will precede the regular business meeting of Cerrito de Oro Parlor 306, Native Daughters of the Golden West, at St. John's Hall, 6712 Portola Drive, El Cerrito.

Gloria Pavon, president, will preside and will present the program for 1984. Scheduled is a bus trip to Reno and a Day at the Races, dates to be announced.

Catholic Daughters: Due to the New Year holiday, the regular business meeting of Court Berkeley 1049, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, has been changed to Sunday, Jan. 8 at 1 p.m. at Rohan Hall, Curry and Carmel, El Cerrito. Mary Heaney, regent, will preside.

Recently welcomed into Court Berkeley were Madge Peters and Albertina Andrade.

The Mission Circle will resume activities Jan. 20, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Heaney's home, 2120 B Street, El Cerrito. All members are invited. Bring a sandwich; coffee, tea and dessert will be served.

KENSINGTON

Singles: The Singles Club of the First Unitarian Church schedules many activities, including yoga, singalongs, dinners, dances, work parties and theatre parties. For information, call 486-5529 (days) or 525-2229 (evenings).

Arlington Women: The needlework section of the Arlington Women's Club will meet Jan. 6 at 10 a.m. in the home of Evelyn Horn. Hostesses will be Betty Heath and Ferol Gill. For reservations call 526-3691 or 524-5696.

Marie Brewer and Betty Hoopes will be the hostesses for the Jan. 10 meeting of the duplicate bridge section at 11:45 a.m. in the church.

THOUSAND OAKS

Overeaters Anonymous: Meets every Monday night at 7:30 p.m. at Northbrae Community Church, upstairs in the 4th-grade room. No dues, fees or weigh-ins. For further information call 569-1374 and leave a message. For further information call 569-1374 and leave a message.

OTHER COMMUNITIES

Men: The Men's Forum of the North Congregational Church, 2138 Cedar St., Berkeley, meets 9:30-10:30 a.m., Sunday mornings.

Retirees: N. Deane Moore, state director of legislation for the Retired Public Employees Association of California.



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TWAS BETTER TO GIVE — A joint Christmas Party was held by the Albany Lions and Golden Gate Lioness Clubs last month. Members of the two clubs brought over 200 Christmas presents for Operation Santa Claus, which is sponsored by the Alameda County Mental Health Association. Members (l.-r.) Zelda Humphrey, Mary Flynn and Bob Flynn show some of the gifts, which were delivered to adult patients at Napa State Hospital.

fornia will speak to Chapter 22, Central Alameda County, on the Investment Dividend Disbursement Account (IDDA) and other legislative matters Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 1 p.m. in the West Auditorium of the Oakland Public Library, 125 14th St.

Chapter 22 has won the state award for the greatest percentage gain in membership for chapters with over 500 members. For meeting and membership information, call 521-9516.

Organs: East Bay Home Organ Society members and guests will dance to the music of Rieber Hovde playing his Yamaha EX-2 organ as they celebrate the beginning of their 33rd year on Jan. 8 at the Hyatt Oakland.

The afternoon starts off with no-host cocktails at 1 p.m. with background music by Stan Koyama. Luncheon will be served at 2 p.m., and the concert-dance is set for 3 p.m. Cost is \$9.50 each, inclusive, for members and \$11.50 for non-members, which includes the concert-dance.

A \$2 contribution will be requested from all non-members attending the concert-dance only. Reservations by Friday, Jan. 6, 5 p.m., 531-6035 or 547-2258.

Sweet Adelines: The Harmony Bay Chapter of Sweet Adelines welcomes new members on Wednesday evenings, at the first Congregational Church of Berkeley, 2345 Channing Way, in Berkeley, at 7:30 p.m. For more information, please call Deanna at 515-1196 or Carol at 523-5743.

333-5743.

Secretaries: "Your Professional Self: A Creative Growth Seminar For Secretaries and Administrative Assistants" will be presented by Alameda County Legal Secretaries Association on Saturday, Jan. 21, at the Blue Dolphin Restaurant, in San Leandro. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m., and the seminar will last from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The registration fee, which includes lunch and all materials, is \$40 for members and \$45 for non-members. For more information or to register call Teri Hallock at 832-5577 during business hours.

Bridge: The Live Oak Bridge Club is a non-profit community group that sponsors regular duplicate bridge sessions at the Live Oak Community Center in Berkeley.

For further information, contact Dick Evans at 843-4605.

Radio Club: The East Bay Amateur Radio Club is devoted to furthering interest in amateur radio, participation in emergency radio service, and helping those interested in obtaining amateur radio licenses.

Meetings are held second Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m., at Salvation Army Center, 36th and Rheem, Richmond. For further information call Fred at 233-2076, or Don at 237-1381.

Group aids terminal youngsters

The Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Bay Area, a non-profit organization that grants wishes to terminally ill children, will have its first public meeting on Monday, Jan. 16, at 7:30 p.m. on Monday.

Information will be provided about the organization. The meeting will take place at the home of Patsy Gardner, 1840 Hamilton, Palo Alto.

For more information about the meeting, how to make a financial contribution, or about Make-A-Wish in general, call Brad Warren at 527-8242.

Other Events of Interest include Jan. 23, 1 p.m., Sing-a-long program of Musical Flashbacks., Jan. 18, 1:15 p.m. Slides of "Holland" and Jan. 22, 2 p.m., Slides of "Italy."

Richmond Annex Center

5801 Huntingdon Ave., Richmond. Open Sunday through Friday. Weekday drop-in lounge, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday brunch, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. (except holidays), \$15. Other activities include gentle exercise, drama, cards, service projects, needlework and games.

Monthly activities include a potluck supper. Director is Donna Chavez, 526-3553.

St. James Center

St. James Senior Center, located at St. James Lutheran Church, 1963 Carlson Blvd., Richmond, meets Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Craft classes (water color painting, knitting, crocheting, flower-making) are taught in the morning. Lunch, which costs 50 cents, is at noon. Afternoon program includes information, speakers, community singing, sit-down exercises and folk-dancing.

The program is co-sponsored by the Richmond School Adult Education program. Director is Isabelle Leavitt. Call 524-4616 for information.

Community Center

Monday, 6-9 p.m. at El Cerrito Community Center, Moeser Lane. Program: first week, business and second week, cards and games; third week, pot-lucks; fourth week, cards and games. If there is a fifth week, special programs. For information call 526-6747.

Senior Citizens Club

Meets Thursday, 5-9 p.m. at St. John's Catacombs Gladys and Lexington Streets. First Thursday of the month: business and cards; second, bingo; third, birthday parties; fourth, potluck and cards; fifth, special programs. For information: 526-7462.

Sakura Kai Center

For Japanese-speaking senior citizens, first and third days, 1-3 p.m. at 6510 Stockton St. Arts, crafts ex-

hibitions, ceramics, "shigin" (poetry singing) and Social Se-

rvices. For information: William Waki, 525-

914.

KENSINGTON

Activity center, Thursday, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at the Kensington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. Morning activities include knitting instruction, beginning conversation and meditation. After lunch, there is singing, bridge and a quilting class.

For information call Vista College.

Literature

classes set

ALBANY — Vista College offers "Shakespeare's

Comedies," on Wednesdays from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

The class meets Feb. 1-June 13 at the Albany Senior Center, 846 Masonic Ave.

The instructor is Lou Bohlen. He will also teach a class on California writers, meeting Thursdays from 1-3 p.m.

For information call Vista College.

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The Alameda County Library encourages all library users with overdue books and other materials to return them.

Starting this month, the Alameda County Library System will give names of people with overdue materials to the district attorney for legal action. By California law it is a misdemeanor to keep library materials 30 days past an overdue notice.

This new policy is being enacted because of the problems created by overdue and non-returned materials. With an even tighter budget for library materials and the increase in cost of books over the years, the library's buying power has eroded.

"This policy is aimed at those people who abuse the library's services," said County Librarian Ginnie Cooper.

Tracking overdues is also costly.

Each month there are approximately 183,000 items checked out and there are 17,400 items that require overdue notices or visits from the County Library's Messenger. That amounts to \$1,200 per month in postage plus the salary and mileage expenses for the messenger.

In the past year, 16,500 items, including books, records, magazines, and pamphlets were declared lost either because patrons ignored the notices or claimed they had returned them.

Overdue books may be returned with no fines. You pay only for items you have lost. When you return your overdues, you will be allowed to check out items again.

The Alameda County Library system includes branches in Albany, Castro Valley, Dublin, Fremont, Newark, Pleasanton, San Lorenzo, Union City, the Bookmobile, and the Business and Government Library in Oakland.

Home remodeling?

Learn the right way

ALBANY — Albany Adult School has scheduled an introductory course for anyone interested in the fundamentals of home remodeling. The instructor, Kwan Wong, is a licensed architect whose office is located in Albany.

Students will learn about construction costs estimates vs. future market value; zoning and building permits; functional vs. aesthetic needs; design and materials; architects and engineers; contractors and subcontractors; bidding or negotiating; construction contract administration; records and final inspection.

"Home Renovation" will meet on six consecutive Wednesdays evenings from 7 to 9:30, in Room 108 at Albany High School, starting Jan. 4. Tuition is \$21 and may be paid in the evening office at Albany High School prior to, or after, the first class meeting.

For more information about the 130 classes at Albany Adult's winter quarter, call 526-6811.

Obituaries

Milton Tye Sr.

EL CERRITO — At his request, no funeral services were held for Milton A. Tye, a longtime local resident and self-employed machinist.

A native of Oakland, Mr. Tye lived in El Cerrito and died Dec. 31 in a local hospital. He was 85.

He was a member of the Berkeley Lodge 363 F&A.M., the Ahahm Shrine Temple of Oakland, and the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Oakland.

Survivors include his wife, Mildred of El Cerrito;

his son, Milton Jr.; a brother, Rancho Cordova; 2 children and 5 grandchildren.

The family prefers memorials to the American Heart Association, which arrangements were made by Olson Mortuary.

Times Journal

Lillian Windham

EL CERRITO — Services have been held for Lillian D. Winton, 1, who died recently in El Cerrito.

A native of Winter Haven, Fla., Mrs. Winton, 90, died Dec. 24 in Carmel-by-the-Sea. She had lived in El Cerrito for 43 years, worked as an executive secretary for the British Furniture Store for 20 years.

She christened the ship Adrienne working as a documentation officer at the Shipyards in Richmond during World War II. She was a member of the Eastern Star in El Cerrito.

She is survived by her grandsons and six great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to the American Cancer Society.

Paul Mortuary of Novato

Grove handled the arrangements. The service will be conducted at Oakwood Cemetery in Lafayette.

Times Journal

Barbara B. Van Tassel

EL CERRITO — Mass of Christian burial was held for Barbara Van Tassel, 21, of El Cerrito, died of this city.

Mrs. Van Tassel, 21, died Dec. 27 in a local hospital, was a native of Lynn, Mass. She was a member of St. Andrew Catholic Church, a member of Andrew's parish of St. Alta Bates Auxiliary, the Alameda County Women's Medical Auxiliary.

Survivors include her husband, Dr. Lloyd Tassell of El Cerrito; two sons, L. Russell Van Tassel of San Francisco; Bruce K. Van Tassel of British Columbia; a sister, Betty Nordstrom of San Leandro; and a brother, Marshall Clinton of New Mexico.

Burial was at St. Peter's Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials to the St. Andrew's St. Joseph's Kitchen, 925 Brooklyn St., Oakland, 94608.

John Jungnickel

EL CERRITO — Leo Jungnickel, a Bay Area native and a resident of this city for 30 years, died Dec. 27 in a local hospital at age of 61.

At his request no services were held.

Mr. Jungnickel, 1939 graduate of Alameda High school and received his bachelor degree at UC-Berkeley in 1964, was a chemist for the Development Company.

He is survived by his wife, Adele Bachman, of San Leandro.

The family asks that tributes in his memory be made to the Scaife Health Foundation, 1000 16th St., San Francisco, Calif. 94103.

Bertta Nuttall

Funeral service for Bertta Nuttall were recently at Ellis Mortuary.

A native Waukegan, she died Dec. 27 in El Cerrito convalescing.

She was 77.

Mrs. Nuttall was a member of Alameda and worked as a funeral director for 45 years for George B. Inc.

She was a member of United Finnish Brothers and Sisters No. 21 of Berkeley.

Survivors include George M. K. Washington; a daughter, Kathy E. Dworkin of El Cerrito; a sister, Sylvia Kander, of Finland, four grandchildren.

Services were conducted by United Finnish Brothers and Sisters No. 21. Burial was at the cemetery.

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Churches

ALBANY St. Albans Episcopal Church

Today at 11:30 a.m., the Rev. Warren Debenham will celebrate Holy Communion with the laying on of hands.

On the first Sunday after Epiphany, Jan. 8, Debenham will preach the message.

The Rev. Russ Moore will celebrate Holy Communion, assisted by Debenham and Nabil Yacoub, lay reader. Mary Janet Lindstrom will assist Debenham in the laying on of hands. The senior choir will sing the offertory anthem.

Earl Rogers and Leaf Williams are the ushers. There will be a coffee hour after the 10 a.m. service. The inquirers' class will meet at 11:30 a.m.

St. Albans' Episcopal Church is at 1501 Washington Avenue in Albany.

First Baptist Church of Albany

Today at 7:30 p.m., the adult Bible study meets to study the Gospel of John.

On Sunday, Jan. 8, Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m., and worship service at 11 a.m., with Pastor Alan Newlove preaching "Embracing the New." There

will be a memorial service for Daniel Thomas at 2 p.m. The evangelism prayer and planning committee meets at 6 p.m.

The church is at 1319 Solano Avenue, Phone 526-6632.

Gracepoint Baptist Church

Sunday Bible study begins at 9:45 a.m. followed by 11 a.m. worship service. A 5 p.m. discussion hour is followed by worship and song service.

Staff includes: Rev. Glen D. Campman, pastor; Rev. Lupe Torrez, associate pastor; D. Shayne Gilpin, minister of music; and Steve Beck, minister of youth. The church is located at 1221 Marin Ave.

Albany United Methodist Church

Sunday, Jan. 8 the Reverend Virginia Hilton will preach the sermon at 11 a.m. At 10 a.m. "Bioethics Update" will be continued with Bruce Hilton.

Child care will be provided.

Monday, Jan. 9, Bible study at 7:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Jan. 10, Mizpah Circle at 11:30 a.m.; Esther Circle at 7:30 p.m.; Wednesday, Jan. 11, quilters workshop. The church is at 980 Manzanita. Call 526-7346.

Church of Christ

On Sunday, Bible study is at 10 a.m., worship at 11 a.m., with the Rev. Max Crumley, Sr., minister. Wednesday Bible study is at 7:30 p.m.

The church is at 1370 Marin Ave.

Berkeley Buddhist Priory

The prior, the Rev. Teigan Stevens, invites the public to attend meditation periods and services Tuesday-Sunday.

Beginners' retreats are held the first Sunday of the month from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and include a vegetarian lunch. A gift shop and library are available. For more details, call 528-3393.

Instruction in Soto Zen meditation is offered the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7:30 p.m.

The priory is affiliated with Shasta Abbey, a Zen Buddhist seminary and monastery in Mount Shasta, Calif., founded in 1970 by the Rev. Roshi Jiyu Kennett.

The priory is at 1358 Marin Avenue.

EL CERRITO El Cerrito United Methodist Church

Sunday worship on Jan. 8, is at 11 a.m.; church school is at 9:30 a.m.

This is the first Sunday after Epiphany, Rev. Phillip C. Lawson will be preaching. Scriptures: 29:1-4; 9-10; Isaiah 42:1-9; Acts 10:34-38; Matthew 3:13-17.

A pancake breakfast will be served from 8-10:30 a.m.

For more information please call 525-3500. The church is at 6830 Stockton Ave.

Grace Lutheran Church

Sunday, Jan. 8 at 9:30 a.m., Pastor Ralph L.

Moellering's message will be "The Defeat of Darkness" from Matthew 2:10.

Bible class and Sunday school meet at 10:45 a.m.

The public forum is at 11 a.m.

Holy Communion is administered the second and fourth Sunday of each month. Monday, Jan. 9 at 7:30 p.m., the board of elders will meet.

The church is at 15 Santa Fe. For information, call 525-9004 mornings or 549-0858 afternoons.

Hillside Community Church

Informal fireside service is at 11 a.m. on Sundays, led by Dr. Horand Gutfeldt. For more information, call 525-1462.

The church is at 1422 Navellet St.

Bay Area Seventh Day Baptist Church

The church holds services every Saturday in the chapel of the United Methodist Church in El Cerrito. The pastor is the Rev. Stephen Saunders.

The service begins at 10:30 a.m. Sabbath school follows at 11:45. A potluck lunch is held each week.

Bible studies are held weekly. For information, call 527-2055 or 757-6426.

The church is at 6830 Stockton Ave., El Cerrito.

Mira Vista a United Church of Christ

The church is at 7075 Cutting Boulevard.

Northminster Presbyterian Church

The church is located at 545 Ashbury Ave. Phone 524-4401.

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church

The church is located at Potrero and Everett Streets. Call 237-0216.

THOUSAND OAKS Epworth United Methodist Church

The church is located at 1953 Hopkins Street in North Berkeley.

Thousand Oaks Baptist Church

"When Will We Ever
Grow Up?" is the message by Pastor Eugene E. Paden on Sunday, Jan. 8, at the 10:30 a.m. worship service. The text will be taken from Hebrews 5:11-6:3. Wei Li will play the organ and there will be music. The Chinese congregation's worship service is at 10:30 a.m. under the leadership of Pastor David L. Chen, minister with Chinese. The service is conducted in Mandarin.

Sunday school classes in English begin at 10:30 a.m. and are held in conjunction with the El Gojogatha

Congregation.

Singles meet at 7:30 p.m. on Sundays. Yoga classes are at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

At 10:45 a.m., the new church school program begins. Phone Anne Lewis at 525-0302 for information.

The service is conducted in Mandarin.

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Spanish Assemblies of God church.

A steak dinner to benefit the after-school program will be held on Jan. 7. Cost is \$6. For reservations call the church office 526-3773.

The church is at 1821 Catalina Avenue, Berkeley.

North Congregational Church

At the 11 a.m. Jan. 8, worship the Rev. Bob Graham will deliver a Communion meditation, "Strength For the New Year," based on First Corinthians chapter 13:17.

A pancake breakfast will be served from 8-10:30 a.m.

For more information please call 525-3500. The church is at 6830 Stockton Ave.

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Holy Communion

conducted with the minister by the board of deacons and deaconesses under the leadership of Edward Elliot Caine.

Caine will also be installed as moderator of the church. Royal Thompson will take over as vice-moderator. Grace Peterson will be installed as membership chair; Jean Hippkiss assumes the Christian education chair.

The church is at the corner of Cedar and Walnut streets in North Berkeley.

For further information, call 848-3696.

The church is at Dana, Dwight and Channing, Berkeley.

A three-week tour of Japan is planned in July.

For information, write Dr. Richard Boeke, Unitarian Church, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington, 94707.

OTHER CITIES Chinese Renish Church

This bilingual (Chinese and English) Lutheran church holds worship every Sunday at 11 a.m., with Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. The pastor is Dr. Hoy-San Lake.

The church is at 4709 MacDonald Ave., Richmond. Phone 232-1072.

Temple Beth Hillel

Temple Beth Hillel is located at 801 Park Central (off Hilltop, at the entrance to Hilltop Green). For further information, call 223-2560.

First Congregational Church of Berkeley

For further information, call 848-3696.

The church is at Dana, Dwight and Channing, Berkeley.

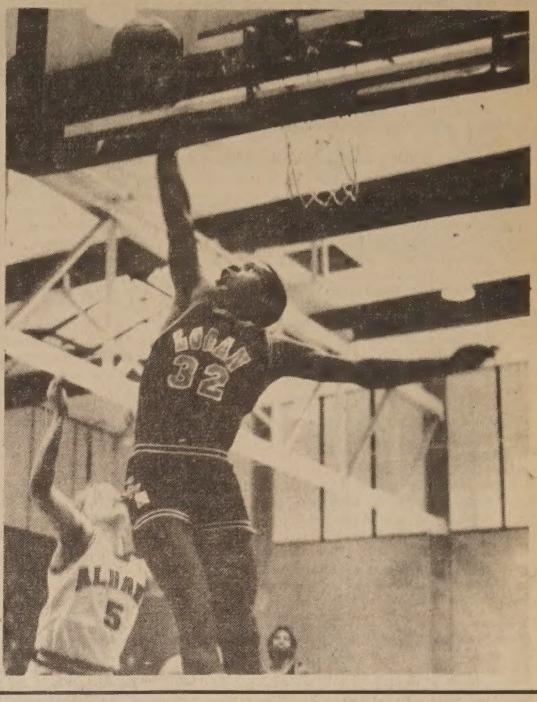
Crushing blow

It was a bad night for Albany, as the Cougars took on Logan High School of Fremont in the opening round of the Berkeley Basketball Classic last week. The Cougars buried the outclassed Cougars by a score of 100 to 35.

The score was 53-10 by intermission. At right, Logan High's

Dave Parker leaps over Albany players for a rebound.

Photo by David Yee



DES fertility guide

available for victims

The first "Fertility and Pregnancy Guide for DES Daughters and Sons" has just been published by the consumer group DES Action National.

Young women and men whose mothers took the drug DES during their pregnancies have special health concerns, including higher risks for infertility and, for daughters, for miscarriage, tubal pregnancy, and premature delivery.

DES Action has combined an extensive reading of the medical literature and personal interviews with DES specialists to present, in everyday language, answers to the common questions about fertility and pregnancy.

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Police beat

ALBANY

Albany police reported the following incidents for Dec. 23-29:

• Someone broke a window at The First Baptist Church on Solano Avenue, crawled into the church and stole a cassette tape recorder.

• John Theodore Stewart and David Lewis Edwards of Oakland were arrested in the 1000 block of San Pablo Avenue for siphoning gas from one stolen vehicle to another. Stewart rammed a police car with a blue '66 Mustang while attempting to escape. Edwards fled on foot to nearby shrubs before being apprehended.

• A discerning woman shoplifted in her 30's took a bottle of cognac from the Liquor Barn, 836 San Pablo Ave. She left in a 1980 Mazda.

• Thieves broke into a van parked in the 1000 block of Peralta Avenue and stole hand and power tools and an am-fm cassette player.

• In the 1300 block of Marin Avenue, a man reported that his Volkswagen Rabbit had been smeared with excrement. He owns a dog, and told police he suspects his neighbors.

• Two Berkeley youths, 13 and 15, became enraged when they lost 25 cents in a video game at the Washington Well, 749 San Pablo Ave. They removed the cross bar from a laundry cart and began beating the video game. Police had them replace the bar.

• Jackie Lee Hutchinson, 39, of Carmel Avenue, was arrested for battery after a citizens arrest ordered by his wife, Dorothy Jean Hutchinson. She told police he hit her at least twice with his open hand during an argument. He

was booked, cited and released.

• A hair stylist in the 1100 block of Solano Avenue reported that a white man, 17, with brown hair, and a red sweatshirt and pants exposed himself to her. He tapped on the glass of the closed salon to get her attention. When she looked around he dropped his pants and masturbated.

• Police reported that in the 1200 block of Brighton Avenue thieves stole eight pairs of pants and two towels from an unattended dryer in an apartment building.

• A 6-year-old boy in the 1100 block of Curtis was talked into letting another boy, between 8-12, ride his bike. The older boy rode away and has not been seen since.

• A Portland Avenue woman reported that she sold a bed and mattress that had been advertised in a newspaper to a man named Peter Gibson or Gilson. The suspect, a black man in his early 20's, paid with a \$225 money order that turned out to be a Xerox copy. He and his accomplice, a "scruffy" white man in his 20's, left in a white pick-up truck.

There were 6 adult arrests from Dec. 23-29.

EL CERRITO

El Cerrito police reported the following incidents for Dec. 23-29:

• A home in the 6800 block of Blake Street was burglarized of \$515 worth of clothing.

• In the 6600 block of Gatto Avenue, burglars removed louvered windows in front of the house, crawled in and stole jewelry and other items valued at \$2,790.

• There were five separate incidents of purse snatching in El Cerrito Plaza. Victims lost between \$30 and \$470 in various incidents.

• A Contra Costa College student walking on the 1500 block on 56th Street reported a strongarm robbery. Two men in their 20's pulled necklaces from her neck and tried to take her purse. One said, "You have a pretty face." The loss was \$100.

• Albert China Chock, 31, of San Francisco, was arrested for refusing to pay for a steak dinner at Rod's Hickory Pit, 11498 San Pablo. He told the waitress, "This meal was fine, and I am not paying."

John Wesley Williams Jr., 28, and Brenda Joyce Brown of Oakland were arrested for shoplifting at Payless Drug, 10650 San Pablo Ave. Police said they had \$450 worth of merchandise in their tote bags.

• At Winchell's Donuts, 11775 San Pablo Ave., \$135 in cash was taken from a cash box. The suspect used a key to enter the store and open the box. Police said an employee is suspected.

• A garage was broken into in the 2500 block of Tasajera Avenue. Tool boxes containing tools worth \$770 were stolen.

• A 60-year-old woman reported her purse stolen in the 5300 block of Pointsett Avenue. A man in his 20's fled in an old Dodge after asking the woman for directions, hitting her, and then stealing the purse containing \$100.

• Burglar(s) broke into a home in the 1400 block of Liberty Street and stole \$325 worth of cash, Christmas presents and a camera.

• A thief who said, "excuse me" pulled the purse out

of the car belonging to Berkeley woman, 60, in the parking lot of the Silver Dollar Restaurant, 11700 San Pablo Ave. The purse contained \$100.

• A 23-year-old San Pablo woman told police the while she was bowling at Golden Gate Lanes, a thief stole her purse containing \$110 in cash.

There were three adults arrested from Dec. 23 to 29.

Local men 'heroes' for capturing mugger

By JOHN ADAMS

EL CERRITO — Police, who often see suspects get away because witnesses to crimes refuse to get involved, are calling heroes two men who pursued and captured a suspected mugger.

Gordon D. Hall, 20, of San Pablo, was arrested in the afternoon of Dec. 23 and booked for grabbing a purse from an 80-year-old El Cerrito woman in El Cerrito Plaza.

"They did a great job," detective Michael Caputo said of the two men who chased Hall.

Hall was booked for temptation robbery after was knocked down by a driver by one of his pursuers, then tackled by another who had chased on foot through two parking lots and then between houses near the Plaza.

"I just needed some money to get home," the resting officers said. "I told them when they got him in custody."

Police say Brutus W. 36, of Richmond, and James Fitzgerald, 29, of El Cerrito, saw the elderly woman stripped of her containing \$160 and ran after the suspect.

Ward told police he with his daughter, Barbara, when the purse snatcher turned to him and said, "Look. He took my purse!"

Ward and his daughter jumped in their car and pursued the suspect across the lot. But when the purse snatcher ran between houses, the 6-foot-2 Ward decided he would have to continue the pursuit on foot.

He left his daughter in the car and went after the suspect.

"My husband is tall, he's slim," Ward's wife Linda, said today. She was thankful her spouse did not get hurt.

Meanwhile, Fitzgerald, who was in his car with his wife, had also seen the purse snatcher and took after the suspect. But when the culprit ran through the BART parking lot and then between houses adjacent to the plaza, Fitzgerald continued to circle the block in his effort to cut the running man off.

Fitzgerald said he lost sight of the running suspect and was driving down the 400 block of El Cerrito Avenue when he suddenly ran out in front of his car. Before Fitzgerald could stop, his car slammed the suspect to ground.

Police said both the suspect and money were recovered.

Matteucci engagement

The engagement of Jennifer Matteucci of El Cerrito and Thomas W. Namantube of San Francisco was announced recently by a family garden party hosted by the groom's parents, Wayne and Lois Namantube of Fremont.

Federica, the daughter of Angelo and Ivana Matteucci of El Cerrito, a 1981 graduate of UC-Berkeley School of Business Administration. She is presently employed as an auditor at Crocker National Bank, San Francisco.

Tom is a graduate of Chico State University with a degree in business administration. He is vice-president and manager of Crocker National Bank, San Francisco.

The couple plans a June 1984 wedding.

Kids can learn music

EL CERRITO — Grace Lutheran Church, 15 San Fe Ave. (at Ward) is offering an opportunity for young children, five years and up, to develop musical abilities.

Clarice Moeller, professional Suzuki piano teacher in Berkeley, will be organizing a children's choir. Rehearsals will be conducted on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Among the objectives will be learning to sing, rhythm and melody experience and enjoying group activities.

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Sports**What's wrong at Albany?**

By LOUIS FILSON

Sitting in Berkeley High's Donahue Gymnasium Thursday, it became evident to me that Albany was on the verge of losing again. The team had been beaten soundly by Logan on the opening night of the tournament, 100-35, and now they were starting to fade against St. Mary's.

At halftime I had a chance to talk with Albany coach Doug Kagawa, who has been coaching basketball for 11 years. He had seemed somewhat pensive during the first half, which was not the way I remembered him from previous years. At halftime Thursday I found out why.

Five Albany players had failed to show up for the game that day.

According to Kagawa, one or two had missed the bus, two more had not known the starting time of the game, and the other(s) just decided to take the day off without telling anyone — or even calling their coach.

Because I am an alumnus of the school, this struck me as unique. When I attended the high school there was considerable team unity on all of the major sports teams, and getting enthusiastic players to take part in the athletic programs was easy. So tell me — what has happened to Albany High basketball?

It would seem that at the tender age of 16 and 17, these so-called "team players" would have at least enough responsibility to call their coach if they couldn't make a game. Because of these players' actions, the Albany team had to suffer a much more humiliating defeat than would have been likely because Kagawa was forced to use a lot of second-string players.

In the days when I went to school at Albany, if one didn't show up at a game — whatever the reason — there was a good chance that person would not be starting for the remainder of the season. This was because there were always competent backups playing behind the starters, ready to step in at any time.

Obviously these players don't feel their teams warrants an explanation as to why they aren't able to attend a certain game. Somehow, Kagawa must stop this apathetic attitude before it becomes a bigger problem and hampers the team for the rest of the season.

"In all of my 11 years I have never seen anything like this," said a dejected Kagawa after the 85-37 beating at the hands of the Panthers.

What I don't think these guys realize is that they at least have a chance to play sports of some kind in high school. Because Albany is so small, it gives more people the chance to play, as opposed to Berkeley, where there are many more students and the competition is that much greater. If these players want to play basketball then they should play and not pull these childish acts. If they don't, there are probably others who would like to play. While the latter might not be as good, they would at least have the commitment and decency to show up for games.

At the very end of the Golden States Warriors' season a couple of years back, center Clifford Ray decided that he had enough. So, with the chance at playoff contention on the line for his team, he just stayed home. When team officials came looking for him he told them to tell Coach Al Attles he had retired.

No formal statement. No phone call to the coach; just a selfish decision. The Warriors lost that game and didn't make the playoffs as a result.

Ray, like the Albany players, had the physical capabilities to play when he decided to quit. The same is not true of everyone. Cal's Michael Pitts is lost for the season with a knee injury. Darryl Stingley will be paralyzed for the rest of his life. There are thousands of professionals and mature athletes who are cut or put on waivers every year. These people may never enjoy athletics again.

Finally, Kagawa has always been a very understanding coach, who has done well with what he has had at Albany over the years. In my four years at the school, I never remember him losing intensity for the game of basketball. Thursday afternoon at Donahue gym he appeared unhappy, to say the least. It would be a shame if Doug Kagawa lost his fondness for coaching at Albany High, both for the school and his players.

Then again, for the players who didn't show up last week, it probably doesn't matter anyway.

'83 big year for Gauchos

The Lawrence Hall of Science holds its third annual Whale Celebration through Jan. 19 to coincide with the gray whale migration from their summer feeding grounds in the Arctic Pacific to their winter breeding and calving area in the waters of Mexico.

Included in the celebration are the special Whale Room, whale-watching trips, participatory exhibits, films, lectures and the visit of a life-size whale model.

The Whale Room is a place to explore the mysteries of whales — how they learn their songs, how much larger their hearts are than human hearts — through hands-on activities and exhibits. The Whale Room is also open to school and community groups for one-hour workshops Monday through Friday from Jan. 9 through Feb. 29 by reservation.

Even outside on the Hall plaza, whale mania will be evident. Phena, the Fin Whale, will be the Hall's winter guest. Pheena is a life-size sculpture of a juvenile fin whale. This detailed, 50-foot lifelike sculpture was created by Larry Foster of General Whale.

Throughout the celebration, free public presentations on whales will be offered Thursday evenings by noted authorities on whales. Jan. 12, Steven Swartz from UC-Santa Cruz will discuss "Migration and Seasonality of Gray Whales." Jan. 19, Ronn Storro-Patterson, research director and vice president of the Whale Center International, will discuss "Bowhead Whales and Eskimos: Cultures in Transition." Jan. 26, Stephanie Kaza, education director of the Point Reyes Bird Observatory, will answer the question: "Why Are People Crazy About Whales?"

For a closer look at whales, LHS offers a coastal bus tour and, in cooperation with Whale Center International, 2½-hour whale-watching trips by boat. These trips are scheduled for Saturdays and Sundays from Jan. 7 through April 22.

The LHS "San Mateo Coast and Marine World Bus Trip" is scheduled for Jan. 21. In addition, LHS offers its members the opportunity for an eight-day cruise to Baja California in an expedition sponsored by the Oceanic Society.

Other special attractions of the Whale Celebration include numerous showings of whale films and the display of the winning entries in the Children's Whale Art Poster Contest.

There will also be a group showing of Bay Area artists and craftspeople who celebrate the whale through the media of paint, pencil, wood and clay.

For more information on the Whale Celebration, call the Lawrence Hall of Science at 642-5134.

Funeral Notices

BARTHMAN: Suddenly in Red Bluff, California December 26, 1983. VELMA I. BARTHMAN. Dearly beloved wife of the late Clarence S. Barthman. Beloved mother of Robert L. Barthman of San Pablo, Donald A. Barthman of Martinez, and Shirley Heebink Baker of Red Bluff, California. Also survived by 10 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild and numerous nieces and nephews. A resident of Pleasant Hill for 20 years and a former resident of Albany. A native of Canada and returned to Pleasant Hill aged 77 years. A member of the Pleasant Hill Senior Citizen's Association of which she was a tireless and dedicated volunteer and the Laura Rebecca Lodge #19 of Glasgow, Montana.

Funeral services were held Friday, December 30, 1983 at 1:00 O'Clock PM at SUNSET VIEW MORTUARY CHAPEL Colusa and Fairmount Berkeley-El Cerrito Interment SUNSET VIEW CEMETERY (T-1/4-11)

THOMAS: Daniel (Dan) in Berkeley December 22, 1983. Beloved husband of Mary Jane Thomas, loving father of Christine A. Torres of Martinez, and Danielle Signorella of Lafayette. Dear brother of Evan T. Thomas of Santa Cruz, Letitia Thomas and Sarah Parry of Wales, also survived by 5 grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Devoted father-in-law of Ronald Torres and James Signorella. A native of Carmarthenshire, Wales aged 75 years.

Friends are invited to attend services in his memory Sunday January 8, 1984 at 2 pm at the First Baptist Church of Albany, 1919 Colino Ave., Albany. Conducted by Pastor Alan Newlove. Memorials in his memory to the First Baptist Church of Albany would be appreciated.

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Friends are invited to attend the Rosary Commemoration at 7:30 p.m. Followed by a Memorial Mass on Thursday January 5, 1984 at Lady of Lourdes Church, 2808 Lakeshore Ave., Oakland. In his memory contributions may be made to the Lincoln Child Center, Daisy Branch, 4368 Lincoln Ave., Oakland 94602 or Boys Home of Italy, Lungo Terre Marzo 12-0018, Rome, Italy.

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Schools

Volunteers assist in the battle against child abuse

By BARBARA ERICKSON

A boy had come to school several times with bruises on his body, and when the teacher questioned him, said his father beat him with an electric cord. Social worker took up the case, and the child went home. Parents, however, denied abusing the child. The child, an only child, was clumsy, they said. He fell oft, and that caused his bruises. In the case came to court, the judge found it difficult to unravel the truth. He called for help, not from the county offices, but from a new volunteer designed to help children who have suffered sexual abuse or severe neglect.

need for this kind of help is growing, according to figures. Reported cases of sexual molestation have gone up 300 percent in the last decade and physical abuse is up 75 percent.

Court Appointed Special Representative, a privately-funded project, began in this county years ago in response to budget cuts following Prop. 13. The needs of children caught up in the courts. When the program was established, only Children's Services was legally able to help these children. Courts have approved the special representative legitimizing its corps of 78 trained volunteers.

Volunteer representatives serve children from throughout the county, but until recently its volunteers have come from Contra Costa. The program is now recruiting workers from West County mainly to more ethnic minorities.

Experience has shown that children respond best to those from their own racial and cultural backgrounds. Up hopes to have more blacks, Spanish-speaking, and Asian children to help these children.

In the early volunteers in the program was Schaat, a Clayton resident who has had first-hand experience of child abuse in her own family. Her youngest son was mistreated by Laurie Nathan, the Clayton child who was convicted of first-degree murder earlier this year.

She joined a group of parents who had placed their children in Nathan's home and became the liaison between the attorney's office and the parents.

As a result of the trial, she said, "I saw how tragic it is for children to have to testify in court."

She joined the special representative program soon after it was inaugurated by Carolyn Robertson, a psychologist who taught junior high school. "She began it," said, "based on the needs she saw."

Volunteers are screened through applications, referred interviews, and they take extensive training for the initial preparation followed by monthly sessions and peer support meetings (to help them talk about their own feelings and experiences).

Volunteers dedicated training," Schaat said. The result of volunteers who know how to interview children even the defendants accused of abusing them.

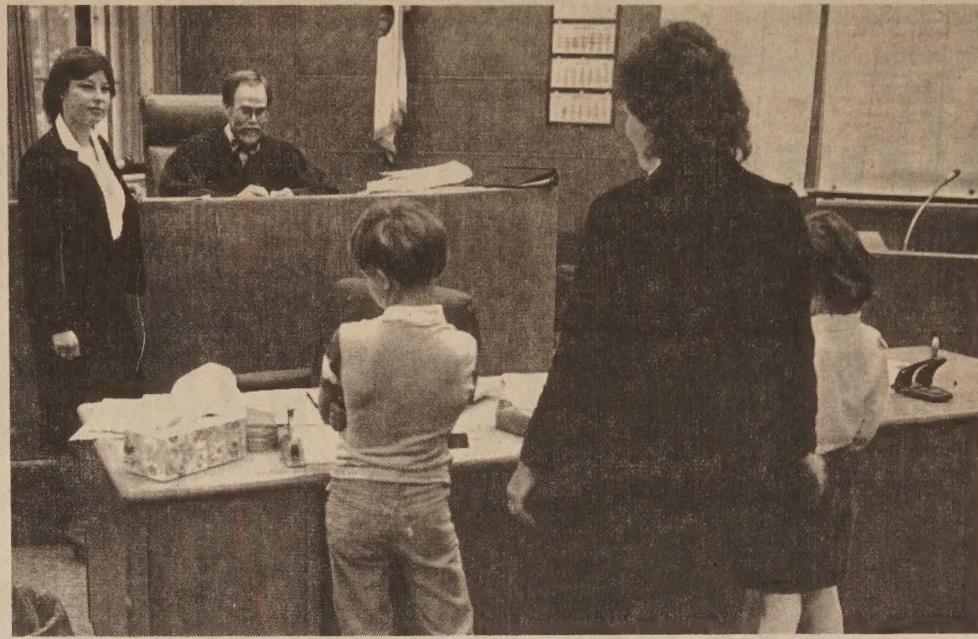
In complicated cases of abuse come to the courts, and then turn to special representatives for help. They then act as a source of information and investigating and making recommendations for the defense.

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Special representative director Carolyn Robertson, left, helps Superior Court Judge Richard Patsey solve child abuse cases

Photo by James Passe

'No more secrets,' say books

Darryl, Nickie, Greg and Maureen learn the difference between good and bad secrets, between good and bad touching.

In a new book by Oralee Wachter called "No More Secrets for Me," (Little, Brown, \$12.95) the children are victims of sexual abuse, ranging from a simple breach of privacy to more severe molestation, and they all find the nerve to speak up.

When Maureen tells her teacher about her stepfather's visits to her room, the older woman responds with understanding and advice.

"You did the right thing, Maureen," the teacher says. "It's good that you told me. Your body belongs to you. No one has the right to touch you that way. It's Pete's secret, not yours."

The lesson of the book is that it is good to tell. When the children gather their nerve to confide their experiences to an adult, they find support and a notable lack of hysteria.

In the sad affairs of real life, this does not always happen, but the aim of the book is to encourage children to share their fears and experiences. As such, "No More Secrets for Me" is one of several recent books which tackle the problem of child sexual abuse with a practical approach.

At the Court Appointed Special Representative project for Contra Costa County courts, volunteers who work with abused children are required to read some of these books.

Among them, according to volunteer Betty Schaat, is

"Red Flag, Green Flag," published by the Rape and Abuse Crisis Center of Fargo, N.D. It is for children and can be used as a coloring book.

"The Silent Children," Schaat said, is a guide for parents to help prevent sex abuse. It is written by Linda Tschirhart Sanford, published by McGraw-Hill and available on order through book stores.

McGraw-Hill has also published a general, complete and informative book on the subject of child abuse from a feminist perspective. It is "The Best Kept Secret" by Florence Rush, and like the others listed above, Schaat said, is available at A Woman's Place Bookstore in Oakland.

"Your Children Should Know" by Flora Colao and Tamar Hosansky (Bobbs-Merrill, \$16.95), a new release, gives an overview of current patterns of abuse, suggests ways to prevent incidents, offers some defense strategies for children, describes the feelings of parents and children victimized by abuse, and counsels parents on the types of aid to give children who have suffered from molestation.

Colao and Hosansky are founders of the Safety and Fitness Exchange in New York City, which offers personal safety programs for schools and agencies.

Another new book, "I Never Told Anyone: Writings by Women Survivors of Sexual Abuse," contains the stories of 33 women, including singer Billie Holiday and writer Maya Angelou. A review described the account as "disturbing and haunting" but "also inspiring as they describe their subsequent struggles to regain their self-esteem."

The year in review at Richmond Unified District

By BARBARA ERICKSON

Richmond Unified enters 1984 with a new look — a few elementary schools, four new basic programs, a growing list of property sales and leases, and freedom from county financial control.

The district also has a new board — without 16-year-old Tony Fuller — new graduation standards and a plan for teachers after years of money-pinching

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years old, she interviewed a neighbor who had seen the father kicking the younger child up the street, evidence which refuted his claims that he was able to take care of the girls on his own.

The Court Appointed Special Representative program gets about 20 cases a month, Schaat said, and some of them last for years.

About 70 percent are sexual abuse, 20 percent physical abuse, and 10 percent severe neglect.

The children range in age from infancy to 18 years, and most of them are from white, middle-class homes.

Research has shown that child abuse crosses all ethnic and economic lines. Schaat was once assigned to a case in which a banking executive molested the nine-year-old daughter of his girlfriend. The case came to light when the child contracted herpes.

Sometimes the volunteer is asked to talk to the child about the case, Schaat said, and other times she is advised to let the child raise the subject herself.

Many of the children have no trust in adults, and volunteers have to make a special effort to win their confidence. The special representatives usually meet the children at foster homes and take them away where they can spend some time in privacy — out for ice cream or to the park.

The program's effort to recruit more volunteers from West County would also help the workers who have to drive long distances to meet with their children, sometimes several times a month. Schaat, for instance, often travels from her home in Clayton to a longstanding case in Richmond.

The volunteers now come from a variety of backgrounds — retired persons, full time professional workers, men and women. West County residents who would like to join them are asked to call CASR at 827-5637 or to write the program at 2001 Salvio St. 9, Concord CA 94520.

The election created a new issue over Cantu's possible conflict of interest with his seat on the Richmond Planning Commission. After receiving three official opinions which said the two seats created an "incompatibility of office," Cantu resigned his commission post in December.

During the final months of the year, the board faced protests from athletes and parents over the "No-F Rule," which prohibits athletes from taking part in interscholastic sports if they have received an F on a report card.

The board reaffirmed its support for the No-F policy, but the rule will come up again for consideration later in the year, after staff have studied the effects on students and sports.

As the year ended, a secondary school planning committee told the board it could not meet the January deadline for recommending one or more sites to shut down next year. The board agreed to limit the group's charge to school closure only.

Also in the final weeks of the year, a group of parents and teachers began to work on a proposal based on a plan by Kennedy forensics coach David Dansky. The plan would create a comprehensive high school for the "academically interested" and set up tougher standards of behavior and performance.

Officials have also been meeting with Hercules officials to find a site for a new high school in that growing area.

At the elementary level, the basic schools have drawn enthusiastic support, and the district is considering year-round schools for next fall.

The administration has suggested a schedule of nine weeks in school, three weeks off, year round. Five sites have been named for consideration — Alvarado, Hilview, Lake, King, and Seaview. Beginning Jan. 11 the board will hold hearings at each of these sites to hear what parents and residents think about the latest proposal.

El Cerrito's battle against Chuck E. Cheese

By HAROLD KRUGER

EL CERRITO — Never have so many fought so passionately for so long against so small a foe — a big-nosed mouse.

But this was no ordinary big-nosed mouse. This was Chuck E. Cheese, scourge of gourmets and senior citizens everywhere.

Chuck is the mascot for Pizza Time Theatres, which planned to replace the revered Kirby's restaurant in El Cerrito Plaza.

Soon after word spread about the impending move, pro-Kirby's forces rallied to beat back the mouse.

Before the Planning Commission meeting on Pizza Time's application, more than 250 letters poured into City Hall pleading that the beloved Kirby's be saved. More than 4,000 persons signed petitions protesting the move.

City officials contended they would have no say over the lease between Pizza Time and the shopping center.

At a momentous April 6 Planning Commission meeting, Pizza Time's proposal was approved, 3-2. Further battles were to come.

In May, anti-mouse forces announced a "Chuck E. Cheese" party at the El Cerrito Station restaurant, part of the Kirby's complex.

Both sides appealed the Planning Commission's ruling. Kirby's supporters didn't want the pizza place at all, while Pizza Time argued the city placed unreasonable restrictions on its operating hours and the number of video games in the restaurant.

Finally, in June, faced with seemingly insurmountable opposition, Chuck E. Cheese took his mozzarella and went home. Pizza Time gave up, leaving Kirby's to work out its own long-term deal with the shopping center, which it did.

Political intrigue was as thick as pizza sauce this past year.

In early August, Councilman Richard Spellman announced his resignation, triggering a complex election picture for the November ballot.

A few weeks later, Councilwoman Margaret Collins said she wouldn't run for her own seat but would try for Spellman's vacant seat.

But Collins changed her mind a few days later, opting not to run at all. Confused? It gets thicker.

In October, a few weeks before the election, Planning Commissioner Charles Lewis was unceremoniously dumped from the panel on a 3-0 council vote. Collins told the press that the real reason for Lewis' ouster would "never be published." She was right.

But Lewis had the final laugh. Along with Gregg

Brosnahan elected as presiding judge

Judge Carol Brosnahan has been unanimously elected presiding judge of the Berkeley-Albany court for calendar year 1984. Election of the presiding judge is by vote of the judges of the local bench.

Brosnahan, who succeeds George Brunn as presiding judge, was appointed to the Berkeley-Albany bench in 1979. She has served in all departments of the court and previously served as presiding judge in 1981.

A graduate of Wellesley College and Harvard Law School, Brosnahan has practiced law in Arizona and California and held various positions with California Continuing Education of the Bar, the Berkeley-based agency concerned with training of California lawyers and judges.

She belongs to numerous professional associations and is involved in varied professional and community activities. In addition to a dozen bar association and lawyers

clubs memberships, she is a faculty member of the National Institute for Trial Advocacy, the Alameda County Judicial Coordinating Committee, the Alameda County Bench Bar Liaison Committee, the Board of Editors of "The Practical Lawyer," a guest lecturer, member of the League of Women Voters, the National Organization for Women, the Salvation Army Community Service Committee and others.

The judge and her husband James, a San Francisco lawyer, have two daughters, Amy and Lisa and a son, James III.

Among her objectives for 1984 are to maintain efficient pre-trial operations in the judicial district by efforts to upgrade and keep the local jail open and to retain court services, and to renew efforts to provide safer, healthier and more efficient work areas for the jurors, judges, marshals and clerks.

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